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See continuation sheet #1, attached

8. *Official or other recognition of accomplishment* - (Such as unit citations, commendations and awards; decorations and awards to individuals, and records or events believed to be "firsts" which may be fleet-wide or apply only within the unit. Give dates of awards and events; claims for "firsts" are meaningless without a date.)

First Mediterranean deployment of an all-jet air group/air wing (CVG/CAW-7),
SEP 63 to FEB 64.

9. *General resume of activity* - (Narrative statement of activity not otherwise covered, summarizing work, training, special cruises and visits, conversion, modification, overhaul, new equipment, and the like. Air Stations consider, in addition, such things as reorganization, new operational administrative and management procedures introduced; special programs initiated or completed, construction in progress, expansion of facilities, etc. Use additional sheets as necessary. Documents appended should be identified in Part VI, page 4.)

See continuation sheet #2, attached

Unit

Period Covered (From - To)

01 OCT 63 - 31 MAR 64

PART II - SHIPS

1. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION: Daily location positions not required. Note dates in and out of U.S. ports and general operating area in between as: Mediterranean, Caribbean, Hawaiian, West Pac, etc. For daily or frequent operations out of one port, use the term "Operating out of".

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2. AIR UNITS ON BOARD OR TENDED (Omit component squadrons when an Air Group is on board.)

| PERIOD | UNIT | PERIOD | UNIT |
|---------------------|---------------------------|--------|------|
| 01 OCT 63-31 Mar 64 | Helo Detachment (3 UH2A) | | |
| 01 Oct 63-05 Mar 64 | Carrier Air Group 7 | | |
| 01 Oct 63-31 Mar 64 | Ship's aircrafts(one C1A) | | |

3. Miles steamed

30,100 NM

6. Ship's fuel consumed

13,565,932

Aviation fuel consumed

JP-5: 936, 925
115/145: 220, 239

CARRIER LANDINGS AND CATAPULT LAUNCHINGS: Give date upon which even thousands were reached, cumulative from original commissioning when possible, but if from other event as recommissioning or conversion, should so state. May include a breakdown as desired. For some numbers it will be of interest to note, also, the air unit, plane type, and pilot involved.

5. Carrier landings

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| 53,000: | 07 OCT 63 | 57,000: | 18 DEC 63 |
| 54,000: | 20 OCT 63 | 58,000: | 09 JAN 64 |
| 55,000: | 06 NOV 63 | 59,000: | 28 JAN 64 |
| 56,000: | 23 NOV 63 | 60,000: | 19 FEB 64 |

6. Catapult launchings

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| 45,000: | 11 OCT 63 | 49,000: | 07 JAN 64 |
| 46,000: | 25 OCT 63 | 50,000: | 21 JAN 64 |
| 47,000: | 20 NOV 63 | 51,000: | 10 FEB 64 |
| 48,000: | 10 DEC 63 | | |

PART III - WINGS AND GROUPS: List units on board, including detachments; give dates when only part of report period is involved, otherwise use "entire" or "all".

NOT APPLICABLE

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PART IV - SQUADRONS

NOT APPLICABLE

| 1. TYPE A/C ASSIGNED | | NUMBER ON HAND | | DATE FIRST RECEIVED | | |
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| 2. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS | MONTH | HOURS FLOWN | NO. OF FLIGHTS | MONTH | HOURS FLOWN | NO. OF FLIGHTS |
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PART V - AIR STATIONS: On board refers in this instance to what is physically present; not to be confused with Home Port assignment. Do not repeat units reported as on board in the previous period unless they departed in this period. For composite units such as Carrier Air Groups, record only the parent group.

NOT APPLICABLE

| 1. UNITS ON BOARD | | ARRIVED | DEPARTED |
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| 2. COMMANDS AND ACTIVITIES ON BOARD | | ARRIVED | DEPARTED |
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PART VI - DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL APPENDED (Number serially and describe sufficiently to insure proper identification.)

TWO CONTINUATION SHEETS, marked OPNAV REPORT 5750-3 USS INDEPENDENCE (CVA-62)
01 OCT 63 - 31 MAR 64

USS INDEPENDENCE (CVA-62) Cruise Book "Heroic in its Dedication"

Participation in special exercises, operations, and operational tests
(Paragraph 7 of basic report, part 1)

1. Continued Fleet evaluation of AN/SPN-10
Precision Approach Final Control Radar, during entire period
2. Continued Fleet evaluation of UK, Action Information.
Center magnetic vertical air summary plot technique, in CIC, during entire period.
3. Continued Fleet evaluation and testing of the CROSS-TELL procedure for exchanging bogie information between Sixth Flt ships and shorebased radar tracking stations Oct 63 to Feb 64.
4. USS INDEPENDENCE was operating in the Mediterranean under U.S. SIXTH FLEET OPCON at the beginning of the reporting period, as a part of US TF 60/NATO TF 502, and participated in the following exercises and operations during reporting period: (outchop from SIXTH Fleet 24 Feb 64)

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|-----------------------------|--------------|--|
| POKER HAND II | 10-11 Oct 63 | (Blue vs Orange Carrier Warfare) |
| MEDLANDEX 4-63 | 20-21 Nov 63 | (CAS of Landing Force) |
| RED EYE/INDIAN MAIZE III | 22 Nov 63 | (Spanish AF and USAF in Spain) |
| BILATERAL WITH ITALIAN NAVY | 23 Nov 63 | |
| LAFAYETTE IV | 17-18 Dec 63 | (Air Strike Warfare, France) |
| MEDLANDEX 1-64 | 7-9 Jan 64 | (Cape teulada) |
| BILATERAL WITH ITALIAN NAVY | 20 Jan 64 | |
| POOPDECK III | 28-31 Jan 64 | (Major evaluated Air Strike Warfare Exercise, Spain) |
| EAGLE EYE | 08 Feb 64 | |
| APACHE CHIEF ONE | 2-3 Mar 64 | (NORAD CONUS Air Defense EX delayed and participation cut back for poor weather) |

INDEPENDENCE served as flagship for CTF 60/CTF 502 from 01 Oct 63 to 22 Feb 64 and as flagship for Commander Carrier Division SIX from 01 Oct 63 to 04 Mar 64, and for Commander Carrier Division FOUR from 05 Mar 64 to 31 Mar 64.

INDEPENDENCE operated under the following orders and plans during reporting periods:

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| CINCUSNAVEUR | OPORD | 50-63 | |
| COMSIXTHFLT | OPORD | 200-63 | |
| COMSIXTHFLT | OPORD | 1-62 | |
| COMSIXTHFLT | MED-AIR (C6F Inst P03500.3) | MED-EX (C6F Inst P003500.1) | |
| CTF 60/CCD-2 | OPORD | 57-63 | Period (OCT-63) |
| CTF 60/CCD-6 | OPORD | 58-63 | Period (NOV-63) |
| CTF 60/CCD-6 | OPORD | 59-63 | Period (DEC-63) |
| CTF 60/CCD-6 | OPORD | 50-64 | Period (JAN-64) |
| CTF 60/CCD-6 | OPORD | 51-64 | Period (FEB-64) |

COMSIXTHFLT Letter of Instruction for Exercise LAFAYETTE IV of 4 Dec 63.
COMSIXTHFLT quarterly employment schedule 2nd, and 3rd quarter FY 64.
COMSECONDFLT quarterly employment schedule 3rd quarter FY 64.

AVIATION HISTORICAL SUMMARY

USS INDEPENDENCE (CVA-62)

OPNAV REPORT 5750-3
Continuation Sheet Two
01 Oct 63 - 21 Mar 64

General Resume of Activity (paragraph 9 of basic report, part I)

At the commencement of the reporting period INDEPENDENCE was operating in the Mediterranean as part of US TASK FORCE 60/NATO TF 502 with Commander Carrier Division SIX/CTF 502, RADM ALLEN M. SHINN and staff embarked. The day before the commencement of the reporting period, 30 September 1963, INDEPENDENCE arrived at Beirut, Lebanon for an eight-day visit and a friendly welcome in this interesting cross roads of the eastern Mediterranean.. INDEPENDENCE departed 7 October for 5 days operations at sea, participating in Exercise POKER HAND II 10-11 October 1963, and next anchored at Taranto, Italy, 12 through 16 October 1963. Three days at sea led to the Fleet Conference 19-21 October 1963 in Augusta Bay, Sicily. INDEPENDENCE put to sea 21 October and conducted Air Firepower demonstrations until 28 October 1963 when she arrived at Palermo, Sicily. Departing Palermo on 4 November 1963, INDEPENDENCE spent 5 days at sea, arrived at Genoa, Italy, on 9 Nov 1963, and left on 18 November 1963 for a scheduled eight-day at sea period, including participation in MEDLANDEX 4-63, 20-21 November, and Exercise RED EYE/INDIAN MAIZE on 22 November. However, while operating at sea on 22 November, INDEPENDENCE received news of the assassination of the Commander in Chief, President of the United States, JOHN F. KENNEDY. INDEPENDENCE anchored in Golfo di Palmas, Sardinia, on 24 November and stayed at anchor through 26 November when memorial services were conducted.

Getting underway on 26 November, INDEPENDENCE arrived at Naples, Italy, 28 November 1963 and remained through 7 December 1963 when she returned to sea for 4 days operations. The ship arrived at Livorno, Italy, on 11 Dec 1963 for a short 3-day visit and put back to sea on 14 December 1963 for operations and Exercise LAFAYETTE IV 17-18 December. A week later, on 21 Dec 1963, INDEPENDENCE arrived at Cannes, France, for the Christmas holidays broken by 24 hours at sea for air operations 30-31 December 1963. INDEPENDENCE departed Cannes 6 January 1964 for six days operations at sea and participation in MEDLANDEX 1-64 7-9 January and arrived at Barcelona, Spain, 10 January 1964. On 16 January 1964, INDEPENDENCE returned to sea for five days operations, including a Bilateral exercise with the Italian Navy, 20 January 1964. INDEPENDENCE spent 22-27 January 1964 at Marseille, France, and then participated in Operation POOPDECK III 28-31 January, afterwards arriving at Palma de Majorca, Spain, on 1 February 1964 for a five day visit. Leaving Palma on 6 February 1964 for Exercise EAGLE EYE on 8 February INDEPENDENCE arrived at Naples, Italy 11 February and departed 18 February 1964 for a rendezvous with USS ENTERPRISE CVA(N)65 on 22 February 1964, Golfo di Palmas, Sicily for turnover. INDEPENDENCE made a one day visit in Gibraltar 24 February 1964 and then chopped to SECOND FLEET OPCON for the transiant crossing to Norfolk where she arrived 4 March 1964. INDEPENDENCE moored at pier 12, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia and remained at the pier through the end of the reporting period, 31 March 1964.